# GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA Office of the Chief Financial Officer



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## **MEMORANDUM**

TO:

The Honorable Vincent C. Gray

Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia

FROM:

Natwar M. Gandhi

Chief Kinancial Office

DATE:

JAN -3 2008

**SUBJECT:** 

Fiscal Impact Statement: "Paid Sick and Safe Days Act of 2007"

REFERENCE:

Bill Number 17-197 as Introduced

#### Conclusion

Funds are sufficient in the FY 2008 through FY 2011 budget and financial plan to implement the provisions of the proposed legislation. No additional staff or resources will be required.

## **Background**

The proposed legislation would require businesses located in the District of Columbia to provide up to 10 days paid leave to employees for physical or mental illness, preventive medical care, family care, parental leave, and absences associated with domestic or sexual violence or abuse.

## **Financial Plan Impact**

Funds are sufficient in the FY 2008 through FY 2011 budget and financial plan to implement the proposed legislation. This is true for two reasons: (i) the legislation does not apply to employees of the District of Columbia (DC) government and, thus, does not affect the DC employee wage bill; and (ii) no additional District staff or resources will be required to implement the legislation. It should be noted that the proposed legislation could over time potentially increase costs to the District government in the future as some District contracts with the private sector may permit the pass-through of vendor cost increases. For example, the District government reimburses some health care providers on a cost-basis. If the bill is enacted, agencies would be required to anticipate and budget for any potential contract cost increases.